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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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SUBJECT

Provision of a gold chain and mace to the Mayor

To: The Comm Corpn
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provision of a gold chain and Mace to the Mayor to distinguish the Mayor sitting during

From
The Commr. Corporation of Blore
No GL 6661/50-51 dated 20 3 51

Forwards the Resolution dated 29 1 51 of the Corporation on the subject

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Municipal Collection Act. 49-49 (Sec 32 and 33) Ch pert rep.

2) On a proposal previously received for issuing the Gold chain and the Mace, the Commr. was informed vide Mine Letter dated 24-4-50 that this question to be considered in connection with the Budget of the Corporation for 50-51 and preferably by the elected Corporation after its Constitution

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3) The elected full fledged Corporation has come into existence from 1.10.51. It has resolved on 29.1.51 that the lowest tender question of M/s Narayan and Bros. for Mayoral chain of 22 ℔ Gold at Rs 4,278-2-0 and for mace Rs 812-8-0 be approved the Commr. Requests Sanction to incur an expenditure of Rs 5,090-10-0 accordingly.

4) The question of providing the Mayor

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Gold Chain and Mace for the Mayor

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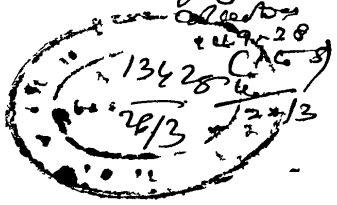

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6) The question has been discussed on default on previous occasions.

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Office of the Minister for Local Self Government.
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7) The proposal is sanctioned.

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8) Draft G.O. as put up for approval.

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To

The Comm Corporation of the City of Bangalore (thro' the Mayor)
The Accts General in Mysore Bangalore
The Ex L & Secy Bangalore
The Municipal Corporation of Bangalore

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BANGALORE

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CORPORATION OFFICES,
BANGALORE

Dated 19th March *1951*

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MIR SAFDAR HUSSAIN, Esq, B A,
COMMISSIONER, BANGALORE CORPORATION,
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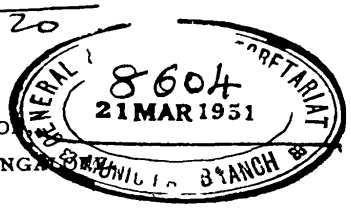

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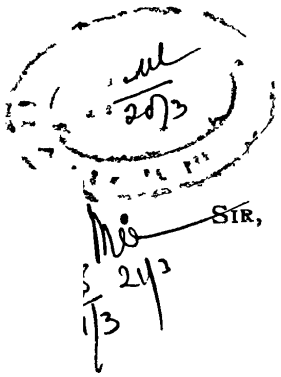

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Local Self Government Department,
BANGALORE

SIR,

Subject - PROVISION OF A GOLD CHAIN AND MACE TO THE MAYOR TO SYMBOLISE THE HIGH STANDING DIGNITY

I invite kind reference to the correspondence resting with your letter No L 862/C M 49-49-33 dated the 24th April 1950 It is stated in the last para therein that it may be desirable that the above subject be considered preferably by the elected Corporation after its constitution Accordingly the matter was placed before the meeting of the full-fleged Corporation on the 29th January 1951 After a full discussion of the subject it was resolved that the lowest quotation of Messrs Narayan Bros for Mayoral Chain in 22 ct gold at Rs 4,278-2-0 and for mace Rs 812-8-0 be approved-vide copy of the proceedings enclosed

2 When the order was placed with the firm they have requested for an advance to cover the cost of gold The Auditor has returned the advance bill for Rs 3500/- which was sent to him for admission, on the ground that sanction of Government should be obtained before ordering for the supply of the articles As it is the desire of the entire Corporation that the Mayor should be provided with the Chain and the Mace at least before the ensuing visit of the President

President of the Indian Republic, I request that the Government may be pleased to accord very early sanction for the sum of Rs 5090/10/- in this behalf

Forwarded with compliments

R Mahalakshmi

MAYOR

Yours faithfully,

COMMISSIONER

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7. Deferred subject No.5, dated 5th December 1950. Recommendation of the Standing Committee (Taxation and Finance) dated 31st August 1950, that the quotations received for the Mayoral Chain and Mace be placed before the Corporation for decision.

The Commissioner explained that two quotations had been received from (1) Messrs. Barton Son & Co., and (2) Messrs. Narayan Brothers, for the Mayoral Chain and Mace. The quotation of Messrs. Barton's disclosed that the chain with the other get-up would be made only of 9 ct. gold which was 40% of real gold and the cost would be Rs.4,000/- plus Sales Tax. Further the quotation did not contain any alternative one if it were to be of pure gold in which case the cost might be presumed to be at least double. The quotation of Messrs. Narayan Brothers, provided a choice - (1) pure gold chain to contain 50 sovereigns costing about Rs.4,278-2-0, (2) 9 ct. gold weighting about 40 sovereigns costing about Rs.1,950/- only. The specimen designs presented by both were almost identical. The workmanship of Messrs. Narayan Brothers might not be under-rated if the workmanship of the other firm were to be reckoned of higher order. In any case to points had to be considered viz., (1) the chain being a permanent ornament might be of 22 ct. gold, and (2) the quotation of Messrs. Barton Son of 9 ct. gold was disproportionately high for the value of the get up. As regards the Mace, the quotation of Messrs. Narayan Brothers was for Rs.912-8-0 as against Rs.1,000/- quoted by Messrs. Barton Son & Co. The matter was not placed before the Corporation for decision.

Sri H.S.Seetharam moved the following resolution -

"Resolved that the lowest quotation of Messrs. Narayan & Brothers, for Mayoral Chain in 22 Ct. gold at Rs.4,278-2-0 and for Mace Rs.812-8-0, be approved."

Sri C. Rajagopalachar seconded the resolution.

Sri N. Rajagopalaraju enquired what would be the weight of the silver Mace

The Mayor replied that 250 tolas of silver would be used for the Mace.

Sri N. Rajagopalaraju remarked that if they were to put 250 tolas of silver for the Mace, it would be very heavy and als more costly. The cost of the Mace used by the Chief Minister was only about Rs.400/- and it was alright. He suggested that

that of Messrs. Narayan Brothers.

Sri Bheema Rao said that with due respects to the Chair, he wished to point out that many poor ratepayers in the town were suffering for want of accommodation, water facilities and food to maintain themselves and as such the Corporation should first of all consider proposals to give the most essential and necessary amenities to the public. The chain and the mace were only a decoration to the Mayor. According to the principle of the late Mahatma Gandhi, they could not spend more than one anna- six pies per head per day. As the first citizen of the town, the Mayor should have certain honours, but they should not spend large sums of money on such decorations. Considering the poverty of the citizens, they should not spend too much money on their decorations. With due respects he suggested that they could bet a guilt chain of 9 ct. gold and a pendant set with Rangoon diamonds costing about Rs.200/- and bb satisfied with that.

Dr. K.R. Sreekanteswara enquired whether the Madras Mayor had a chain.

The Mayor replied in the affirmative.

Sri V.P. Dheenadayalu Naidu said that the chain of the Madras Mayor had been prepared by Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, Madras and they could also get the quotation of that firm, for preparing the chain for their Mayor.

Dr. Srikanteswara enquired whether Messrs. Narayan & Brothers had given their design for the proposed chain.

The Mayor replied in the affirmative.

Sri B. Basavalingappa pointed out that in their Corporation they had the office of the Mayor as in the other Corporations in India and he should be provided with all the honours and paraphernalia as those given to the Mayors of the other Corporations, in order to keep up the dignity of his office. In order to keep up the dignity of the office of the Mayor, the Corporation should spend some money for the purpose.

Sri N. Rajagopala Raju remarked that instead of making the chain in guilt, they could make it at a reduced cost.

The Mayor pointed out that any amount spent on the Mayoral Chain and Mace would not be a waste and it would be the property of the Corporation.

Sri A V.K. Ram said that as the Mayor of their Corporation was the first citizen of the City of Bangalore, he should maintain his dignity and he should have all the honours due to the office. In this connection he pointed out that in the recent Commonwealth Cricket match held in Bangalore i.e., on the 27th, 28th and 29th instants, most of the people who witnessed the match were poor people. It was only the poor class of people who spent more money on amusements, etc. Instead of spending their earnings for witnessing the match they might have very well spent it on feeding themselves or buying decent clothes but they had not done so. In spite of their poverty they wished to have some amusements. Poverty was not a special privilege attached to the city of Bangalore alone; every other city in the country was in the same condition. The speaker added that recently he had an occasion to visit the famous temple at the Thirupathi Hills and he was surprised to see that a number of poor people from different parts of the country gathered there daily to worship the Diety in the temple and offered all their valuables to the Diety as their homage. The pilgrims who visited that temple did not mind about their financial condition or anything else but they wished to see that the diety was adorned with all their valuable offerings. Many people might be under the impression that a large amount of money was being wasted in the Thirupathi Temple, but it was not so. The Mayor of the city was termed as the "Worshipful Mayor" and as such he should maintain certain amount of dignity and he should not go about with a gold-plated chain on his person like many rich people who went about with gold-plated cigarette cases in their pockets. As members of the Corporation they were aware of the existing conditions in their city and it was not a question of economics but it was a question of dignity. The Corporation of Bangalore was a permanent institution and it should keep up its dignity. If the members of the House did not want to attach more importance to the dignity of the institution, they could very well have their meetings in a hut and keep out the beautiful

beautiful Mayo Hall to any person and realise some substantial amount by way of rent. As a recognised public body, the Corporation should maintain its dignity and as such the amount to be spent on the mayoral chain and mace was a necessary expenditure. The speaker hoped that the other members of the House would also be generous in passing the expenditure in question.

Sri M. Rangaiah Naidu said that they must always follow the principles of the late Mahatma Gandhi and be simple in their habits and must not go in for unnecessary decorations.

Dr. Sreekanteswara remarked that their Mayor should not be compared to the diety in the temple at the Thirupathi Hills. The diety in question was of stone and in order to give it a beautiful appearance it was adorned with all sorts of valuable ornaments. Their Mayor was a living person and as such he need not be adorned with a gold chain etc. The members of this house had elected him to adorn the mayoral chair in that hall and his installation to that high position itself was a great decoration for him.

Sri S.A. Asirvadham said that he was sorry that many members of the House had not realised the dignity and position of the Mayor and had remarked that the proposed chain and mace for the Mayor was unnecessary. In all the other cities in the country where there were corporations they had their Mayors and the Mayor was given all respects and honour due to his office and the citizens were anxious to keep up the dignity of the Mayor. As the first citizen of the town, the Mayor would be given the first respect in all public functions and he should maintain his dignity. At the meeting held at the Stadium on the 26th instant in connection with the Republican Day celebrations, their Mayor was present only with his ordinary robes but not with his ceremonial robes, chain and mace. In all such gatherings the Mayor should keep up his dignity. The Mayoral chain and mace would be the property of the Corporation and the amount spent on that would not be a waste. In order to keep up the dignity of the House they could incur the expenditure in question. His wish was that their Mayor should keep up his dignity in all the public

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functions and he hoped that all the other members of the house would agree with his views and sanction the proposed expenditure.

At this stage Sri K.R. Sridharamurthy moved the closure motion.

Sri B. Nanjappa seconded the motion.

Sri Seetharam remarked that he had not much to say in the matter as his friend Sri A.V.K. Ram had already put all the facts before the house, but had only a few points to say. He added that they were the members of the Corporation of the City of Bangalore, which consisted a population of about 7 lakhs. 75 members of the Corporation represented the 7 lakhs of ratepayers of the city and the Mayor as the first citizen of the town was representing all of them, By honouring their Mayor they were honouring themselves as well as the population of the city. It was only on that principle that he had moved the resolution before the House. They were all aware that the expenditure incurred on the chain and mace would not be a waste and that it would be the property of the Corporation. If at any time they thought that they should convert the chain and the mace into cash, they could do so. Further by buying gold nothing would be lost as the instrinsic value would always be there and it would be an asset to the Corporation. No person would be anxious to wear any ornaments, but the Mayor as the first citizen of the city should keep up his dignity and as such they should provide with him with the chain and mace. In the circumstances he hoped that the resolution before the house would be passed unanimously.

Sri K.M. Naganna enquired whether there was a separate resolution.

The Mayor replied that there was no separate resolution but Sri Seetharam had furnished his explanation on on the original resolution moved by him. He then put the resolution moved by Sri Seetharam to the meeting.

Sri K.M. Naganna enquired whether the sense of the house was taken on the closure motion moved by Sri Sridharamurthy. Before putting the resolution to the meeting decision should be taken on the closure motion moved by any member of the house.

The Mayor said that the closure motion was moved by Sri K.R.Sridharmurthy and seconded by Sri B. Nanjappa and there was

no opposition to it and the sense of this house was for closure of the discussion on this subject. He then put the resolution as moved by Sri H.S. Seetharam and seconded by Sri C. Rajagopalachar to the meeting and it was passed 35 voting for and nobody against.

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Proceedings of the Govt of Mysore

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letter no h 862/C M 49-49-33 dated 24.4.50 to the Cancer Corporation of the City of Blore approving the Expenditure of Rs 467-12 incurred towards the making of grooms for the two previous Mayors and directing that the proposal for the provision of Mace and chain be carried out by the elected Corporation after the Constitution

2) letter no. GL 6661/50 S1 dated 19/20-3-51 from the Cancer, Corporation of the City of Blore forwarding for Sanction the Resolution dated 29.1.51 of the Re Constituted Corporation accepting the Lowest quotation of Messrs Narayan Bros for Mayoral chain at 22 ct gold ~~for~~ Rs 4,278-2-0 and for mace Rs 812-8-0

WD 06072—GPB—25 000—21-6-49

Order no 4 65-8 /C.M 48-57-2

The proposal of the Corporation is sanctioned

for H S G Secy

To

1) The Commr, Corporation of the city of Bhopal (through the Mayor)

2) Accountant General

3) Examiner for L I Accounts

4) Auditor, Corporation of the city of Bhopal

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

Letter No.L.862/6 .49-49-33 dated the 24th April 1950 the Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Bangalore appro ving the expenditure of Rs.417-12-0 incurred towards the making of Go ns for the two previous levers and directing that the proposal for the provision f uard Chain be considered by the elected Corporatio authority in its constitution.

2. Letter No.G1.6661/50-51 dated 19/20th March 1951 from the Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Bangalore, forwarding for sanction the resolution dated the 29th January, 1951 of the re-constituted Corporation accepting the lowest quotation of Messrs Narayan Bros., for Mayoral Chain in 22 ct. gold at Rs.4,278-4-0 and for Mace at Rs.312-8-0.

ORDER NO.L. 65-8/Con 40 51-2

DATED BANGALORE THE 4TH APRIL 1951.

The proposal of the Corporation is sanctioned.

M Srinivasulu Naidu
Secretary to Government,
L.S.G.Department.

To

The Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Bangalore,
(Through the Mayor)
The Accountant-General in Mysore, Bangalore,
The Examiner, Local Fund Accounts, Bangalore,
The Auditor, Corporation of the City of Bangalore.

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